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MINUTES

of the

PEE DEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

Hasty, N. C.

October 5-8, 1916.

Recorded and Compiled by J. S. Brown.

The next session will be with the Jones Chapel Church, Red Springs, N. C., Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1917.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Moderator, Rev. J. J. Hines, Shannon, N. C.
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A. B. Benton, S. H. McEachan.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SIX ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PEE DEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MET WITH ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH, HASTY, N. C., OCT. 5---8, 1916.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Association met with the St. Luke Baptist church in its Forty-Sixth Annual session. At the hour of 10 o'clock p. m. Rev. Daniel conducted devotional exercise by singing, "Blow ye the Trumpet

Blow'' and read the 3rd chapter of 1st John. Rev. T. J. Hicks led in prayer, Rev. Campbell led in singing ''Come to Jesus'' (etc).

Rev. Quick, the Moderator of the Ministerial Union came forward and made some remarks and declared the Ministerial Union in session and house ready for business. Then after a short session of the Ministerial Union the Moderator of the Asociation, Rev. J. J. Hines came forward and led in singing ''Blessed Be The Tie That Binds'' (etc). Then the Moderator made a most eloquent address in the opening of this Asssocition. Then the program was distributed and read by the Secretary and on motion adopted a motion further prevailed that the adoption of said program be reconsidered. Then a motion prevailed that the program be adopted with such changes as may be necessary. We then proceded to the enrollment of churches and messengers. The following churches and messengers were enrolled, viz:

Alley Grove—Mrs. Hester Smitherman.

Bethlehem—C. J. Gillespie, N. H. Malloy.

Bright Hopewell—Prof. J. W. McLauchlin, Frank McLean, T. G. Gilchrist.

Buffalo Springs—P. H. Henigin.

Center Grove—

Cedar Grove—A. Quick.

Carolina Spring—

Ebenezer—

Ellebe's Grove—H. C. Ellerbe, J. H. Ellerbe.

Gallilee—Rev. E. B. Nelom.

Holly Grove—Rev. S. W. Justus, A. Ellerbe.

Henry Grove—Alex Byrd, Jas. Liles.

Hamlet 1st Baptist—G. A. Wall, Solomon Wall.

Island Grove—S. H. McEachan.

Keyser—

Laurel Hill—J. D. Davis.

Louisville—R. C. McRae, Henry Monroe.

Macedonia— L. C. Storms.

Mt. Zion—Rev. J. A. Tyson.

Mt. Mariah—
Mt. Tabor—Prince McRae.
Nashville—A. McLoud, D. S. Monroe.
Oak Hill—T. D. McNeil, G. W. Malloy P. Petercan.
Olers Grove—
Poplar Spings—A. Everett, J. A. Brower.
Providence—Orange Quick.
Reedy Creek—Willie Ryles.
Rock Hill—Marshall Spencer.
St. Stephen—J. M. Nichlson, E. L. Johnson.
St John—
Shady Grove—Rev. E. B. Nelom.
So. Pines 1st. Baptist—Rev. B. Hasty, C. F. Marton.
Spring Hill (Hoke)—Samuel McNeil, W. H. McNeil.
St. Mark—
St. James—
Southern Grove—S. P. Johnson.
Sandy Grove (M.)—E. D. McLauchlin, Matthew McLeon—
Sandy Grove (R.)—B. R. Redick.
Shiloah—William Gilchrist, Sandy Brown.
St. Luke—J. S. Revel, C. T. Hasty, Jas. Hasty.
Silver Grove—A. T. Rodges,
Spring Hill (S.)—Jas. McComick, S. A. Adams, D. D. Revel.
St. Paul—
Troy 1st Baptist—Arch McDonald.
Spring Branch— G. G. Love, A. W. Lych, N. A. Smith.
Jones Chapel—J. W. McRae.
Livingston Chapel—

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the hour of 2:30 o'clock the body reassembled. At this hour spiritual praise was conducted by Rev. M. Deberry. After singing brother A. Ross led in prayer. Then Rev. M. Deberry read 3 verses of 6th chapter of Act. with comment. Then Bros. Jas. Revel led in prayer "I Want To Be Thy Child" (etc.) was sung. Then the Moderator Rev. J. J. Hines came forward and sang

"I Need The Every Hour" (etc). He then declared the house ready for business. We then continued the enrollment. Then Rev. J. A. Tyson and J. R. Campbell ascended the rostum while we sang, "A Few More Years Shall Roll" etc. Rev. J. R. Campbell sang 293 C. M. "Father I Stretch my Hand To Thee" etc. Rev. J. A. Tyson then read a part of 2 chapter of 2 Cor. Rev. P. C. Covington then led in prayer, then hymn No. 422. S. M. "My Soul be on Thy Guard" etc. was sung. Rev. J. A. Tyson was introduced by the Chairman to preach the Introductory sermon, who rose and took for his text Act. 18; 9-10. "Be not afraid but speak and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee." With this text in hand, the speaker for a few minutes showed himself no mean theologian, Rev. J. C. Chamber then led in a most fervent prayer. "I Am Coming Home" was then sung, then a collection was taken to the amount of $5.00. Then the President submitted his annual address with much fervor and power. Then "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown". Then a Motion prevailed that the Address of the President be placed in the hand of the proper Committee. The benediction was announced by Rev. King.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Strictly at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m. the body assembled, at this hour praise service was conduted by Rev. E. B. Nelom which was very spiritual, after which the moderator came forward and while we sang "Amazing Grace" etc. the local program was then distributed and the Moderator declared the house ready for business. The choir then sang "God Will Take Care of You" etc. then the local program was called for as follows:

Welcome in behalf of the church Mr. E. W. Bingham.

Welcome in behalf of the Sunday School, Miss F. J. Steward.

Welcome in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. Miss Ida Miles.

Welcome in behalf of the W. H. M. C. Mrs. W. M. Poe.

Welcome in behalf of the White Citizen, Mr. J. S.

Thompson.

After hearing the many words of welcome by the above mentioned persons then Mr. J. S. Thompson Esq. caused us to feel that we were in a community and County of good things.

Music "Victory."

Rev. Thompson, Welcome in behalf of the M. E. church.

Then the Pastor Rev. R. H. Harris, D. D. in behalf of the church. Then Rev. H. I. Quick was called to respond to the address of welcome, which was full of eloquence, punctuated with applause.

Following the very able addresses. Duet by Misses Ida Miles and Elizabeth McCall "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning."

Rev. C. S. Crumpler and Rev. H. I. Quick ascended the rostum. Rev. Quick lined "Father I Stretch My Hand To Thee" etc. Rev H. W. Townsend offered prayer hymn No. 800 L. M. "Go Preach My Gospel Saith The Lord" etc. was sung. Then the moderator Rev. J. J. Hines rose and introduced Rev. C. S. Crumpler to preach the Doctrinal sermon who rose and led in singing "I Will Trust in the Lord." He then took for his text Act. 2:42, "And they continued steadfast in the apostles' Doctrine and in breaking bread." With this text in hand the speaker preached a soul stirring sermon at the conclusion of which Brother Perry led in prayer. Then a collection was taken to the amount of $9.10. The president then appointed the various committee, the "Praise of God" was then sung and benediction by Rev. M. W. McVillian.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Friday a. m. session. At the hour of 10 a. m. The body assembled at this hour the moderator Rev. J. J. Hines came forward and sang "Oh For a Heart to Praise My God" then read the 2nd. chapter of Ephesians 10 verses. Rev. M. DeBerry led in prayer. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung, brother McEachen led in prayer, then the Moderator called for the minutes of the previous day session which were read on motion adopted. The Moderator

then appointed the following persons as reading clerks: Prof. H. W. Townsend, Jas. Reed, J. A. Tyson, Rev. Miles and Mrs. Hunter. We then proceded to the reading of the letters. Then Center Grove church and messenger were enrolled. The committee on Constitution submitted their report. On motion the report was adopted (see report).

Then the following visitors were presented: Revs. M. F. Williams, of Bennettsville, S. C., Mr. W. M. McRae, S. J. Poe, Prof. C. F Marton, Rev. Evander Smitherman, of Troy, Rev. Miles and Mrs. Hettie A. Hunter of the Winston-Salem Asylum. Each made a few remarks and presented their work. Then a collection was taken to the amount of $3.45. The praise of God was then sung and benediction announced by Rev. M. F. Williams.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the hour of 2:45 o'clock p. m. the body reassembled. At this hour praise service was conducted by Rev. Robinson. After singing brother J. M. Nicholson offered a most ferverent prayer. Then Rev. C. S. Crumpler led in singing, "He Loved Me So." Rev. J. M. Smith then read as a lesson text the 8th chapter St. John, 13 verses. He then outlined hymn No. 304, "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say" etc. which was heartily sung by the congregation, at its conclusion Rev. Smith introduced in suitable words, Rev. S. W. Justus to deliver the message of the hour. He chose as a text the 12th verse of the 8th chapter of St. John, "I Am The Light of The World."

The speaker carried his audience off on a great spiritual wave as he enlarged and developed his subject, "Light." At its conclusion Rev. J. H. E. H. Nelson led in singing "Don't Take Everybody For Your Friend" Rev. Nelson then addressed the Throne of Grace, in a spirit of earnestness.

"In The Hollow of His Hand" was heartily sung.

A motion prevailed that Rev. Miles present his work.

The moderator led in singing "Standing on the promises."

A motion prevailed that we hear the Secretary's annual Statistical Report, which was read, received and adopted, after several warm speeches of approval.

The treasurer was then called for to render his report. Brother A. Ellerbe came forward and made his 28th annual report. The report was adopted with applause, after the auditor had passed upon same (See report).

The Auditor made his report which was received and adopted (See report). It was then motioned that Rev. J. J. Hines be moderator, carried. Rev. J. E. Ellerbe, Vice Mod. Carried. The following officers were then re-elected: Rev. J. S. Brown, Rec. Secretary, Rev. J. A. Tyson Cor. Sec. A. Ellerbe, Treas. Rev. W. S. Sanders, Auditor.

The committee on new bodies made its report, which was received and adopted, (see report).

The association then adjourned with benediction by Rev. G. A. Miles.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The body assembled a 7.30 o'clock, praise service was conducted by the brethern. After the praise service had been concluded. Dr. Miles representing the Winston-Salem Orphan was introduced to speak of his work, Dr. Miles spoke very forceful, after which, Mrs. Hunter came forward with the small girl children and these children exhibited wonderfully by singing and reciting the scripture. After which Dr. R. H. Harris came forward and responded to the exhibition and asked for a contribution. Good many gave 50c and 25c, Miss Julia Palmer one of our proficient teacher gave $10.00 in this collection. Total collection $20.80. Revs. E. J. Fletcher and H. W. Townsend then ascended the rostum, the former read hymn No. 344 C. M., "How Happy Every Child of Grace" etc. Rev. Townsend then read the 6th Chapter of Duet. Rev. E. B. Nelom then offered prayer, after which hymn No. 345. "My God the Spring of All My Joys," was sung. Then the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Hines, introduced to preach the Educational Sermon, arose and took for his text Genessis

18:19; "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." At the conclusion of said sermon, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown," was sung. Brother Elliot Brown led in prayer, "Come Ye That Love the Lord" was then sung, and a collection was taken to the amount of $30.60—$5.00. (See list. Several paid $1.25, $1.00, 50 and 25c each.) Benediction by Rev. H. W. Townsend.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

At the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m. the body assembled ready to take up the work of the Association. At this hour Spiritual praise was conducted by Rev. D. D. Revel, and Brother E. Ross. After usual singing Bro. S. H. McEachern led in prayer. "I Need The Every Hour," was then sung by the Moderator. He then read the 6th Chapter of Galatians, then the Moderator made a very interesting talk which was enjoyed by all the brethern. The minutes of the previous day session were called for and read and on motion adopted. We then continued the reading of a letter by Mr. Harrington and J. A. Bower. At the conclusion of which the committee reported on President's Address. On motion the address be adopted (carried). The committee on education peresented their report. On motion the report be adopted with the amendment, and that the report be published. (See report). Said report was adopted. (The committee on resolution submitted their report). A motion prevailed, offered by Miss Julia Palmer, that an opportunity be given to the Sisters to use blanks for individual pledges. Then several pledged. A motion then prevailed that we adjourn until 2:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3:45 the body reassembled. At this hour Praise serveice was conducted by Rev. M. DeBerry and A. W. Lych. After the singing Bro. Lych led in prayer. "I

Want To Be Thy Child" was then sung. The house was then declared ready for business. The committee on place then submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. The committee on resolution submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. The committee on course of study submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. Then the committee on obituary submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. The committee on finance submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. (See reports). The superannuated Ministerial Board submitted their report. On motion their report was adopted. The Trustee Board submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. The Ministrel Examining board submitted their report. On motion said report was adopted. (See reports). A motion then prevailed that the trustee board purchase the property at their convenience. A motion then preaviled that the Board be donated $90.00. A motion then prevailed that the Executive board be re-elected with the addition of Prof. H. W. Townsend. The Trustee board was then re-elected. By motion the Ministerial Examining Board was re-elected with the substitution.

The superannuated Ministerial board was re-elected with the substitution of A. Everett, M. DeBerry, S. H. McEachern. (See Boards).

A motion then prevailed that we represent in the State Convention at Statesville, N. C. Then a motion prevailed that the Sisters be given a half day in our Association. Then a motion prevailed that Revs. J. J. Hines, J. S. Brown, W. S. Sanders, P. C. Covington, R. H. Harris, E. B. Nelom, delegate to the Zion Aassociation. We then adjourned.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At the hour of 7:30 o'clock the body assembled and Praise service was conducted by Rev. James Read. At the conclusion of which the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Hines, came forward and led in singing; "Draw Me Nearer." Revs. J. R. Campbell and Evander Smitherman ascended

the rostum; Rev. Campbell led in singing hymn No. 295, S. M., "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," Brother Cogo led in prayer. Rev. Smitherman then read a part of the Seventh chapter of Jeremiah, after which eight verses of hymn No. 449, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" were sung. The Moderator then arose and introduced Rev. Evander Smitherman to preach the Temperance Sermon, Rev. Smitherman arose and led in singing "By and By When the Morning Come," he then took for his text I Kings 18:21: "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." With this text in hand the speaker preached a very pointed sermon. At its conclusion Rev. J. R. Campbell led in singing, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," then Brother J. A. Dunlap led in a most ferverent prayer. A collection was then taken to the amount of $4.35; then Mrs. J. S. Brown came forward and spoke of the Pee Dee Institute, Hamlet, N. C., after which a resolution of thanks was offered by Rev. W. S. Sanders. On motion said resolution was adopted, then all joined in singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again. Benediction by Rev. J. J. Hines.

SUNDAY.

With the Missionary sermon, which was preached to a packed house and yard, from various directions by Rev. W. S. Sanders who showed himself equal to the task, closed a very successful Association, to meet with the Jones Chapel Church at Red Springs, N. C. in October, 1917.

FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to submit our report as follows:---

Fund in hand of Treasurer	$.83
Money sent up from churches	394.37
Raised by public collection	72.91
Total amount raised	466.28
Grand total amount	467.11
Paid to Miss Hester, for Orphanage	20.46

Respectfully, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We your committee on Place, beg to report the following: We recommend that the next Association meet with the Jones Chapel church at Red Springs, N. C.

Committee.

RESOLUTION.

We your committee on Resolution beg leave to submit the following: There seems to be a great dissatisfaction in our church relative to the neglect of our superannuated ministers; therefore, be it resolved that a space be left on our Asssociation blanks for the church to send up a special donation for said ministers and that the clerk send the minutes by parcel post to the various churches and that one thousand be published.

Submitted, Committee.

TRUSTEE BOARD'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:

We your Trustee board beg to submit our report as follows:

We are very much encouraged relative to our school for the past record, also the present condition of our school. We were present at the commencement of our school and can say with pleasing confidence in our Principal and witnesses that it was a splendid commencement in every respect. We examined every room including dining room and kitchen of the building, and are proud to say that the school is getting along fine. We have had six successive meetings and paid out the following money:

For students beneficiary	$270.00
For improvement and furniture	200.00
For well	25.00
Total	$495.00

We recommend that on every commencement day there shall be called a Field Day for Educational Rally all over the bound.

Submitted, The Board.

OBITURY.

We, your committee on Obituary, beg to submit the following report: Whereas, we find among our churches 51 deceased persons, we know it is the work of the Almighty who doeth all things well. Be it resolved that we so live that when we are gone our lives will be a light to others.

Respectfully,
Committee.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S REPORT.

We your superannuated ministers board, beg to submit the following report. We recommend the following named persons as superannuated ministers viz: Revs. S. M. Wall, M. McMillian, V. Reads.

Respectfully,
Committee.

COURSE OF STUDY.

We your committee on course of study beg to submit our report as follows:

In addition to the original,
Harvey on Church Polity.
Patterson or Brooders and Delivery of Sermons.
Barrows Bible Companion.
Pendleton's Christian Doctrine.
Hiscox's Church Directory.
Baptist Pamphlets A and B.
Baptist Short Methods.

Respectfully,
Committee.

EXAMINING BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your Examination board, beg to make our report as follows:

We have received Rev. C. F. Marton of Southern Pines, N. C. and restored Rev. A. J. McPhaul.

The Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Brother Moderator and Brethern:—I, your humble treas-

urer beg leave to submit the following:—

Received from the hands of the Finance committee at the last association	$604.77
Paid out at the association	228.94
November 11, paid for school repair	200.00
February 2, 1916, paid for students	120.00
April 21, 1916, paid for minutes	35.00
May 24, 1916, paid for school	20.00
Total paid out	$603.94
Leaving balance of	.83

Respectfully,
A. Ellerbe.

The above is my 28th annual report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:

I have examined with much care the report of the Treasurerer and found it properly kept during the six years of my office.

Respectfully,
W. S. Sanders.

COMMITTEE ON NEW BODIES.

We, your committee on New Bodies, beg to submit the following report:—

We have examined the orthodoxy of the following churches: Parker's Grove, McColl, S. C., Oak Hill, Wakulla, N. C. and find them properly organized according to the standard of the New Testament. We recommend that they be received as members of this body.

Respectfully,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows:—

(1) We have carefully surveyed our educational efforts and have reasons to feel proud of what we have accomplished.

(2) We are grateful to those who have made public schools what they are and would encourage our people to see to it that their children avail themselves of the opportunities afforded to acquire at least a common school education.

(3) We firmly believe that Christian education is the basis of our civilization and should not be discarded from our daily training in the school room. We therefore emphasize the importance sustaining heartily our own dear Pee Dee Institute, and urge upon our people to place their children there soon as possible under its character forming influence.

(4) We are not unmindful of the great burden imposed upon our educational leaders and the unwarranted criticism hurled at them by malicious and evil designed persons in our midst. We therefore recommend that each of us weigh well our criticism and religiously see to it that each criticism is founded on truth and that each of us condemn such attack and brand the perpetrators as enemies of Education.

Committee.

LIST OF THOSE WHO PAID 25c AND UPWARD.

Thursday night.—Rev. T. J. Hicks 25c, J. H. E. H. Nelson 25c, H. I. Quick 25c, Dockey Gibson 25c. Friday J. M. Smith 25c.

Friday night.—Collection for Winston-Salem Orphan Asylum. Miss Julia Palmer, $10.00.

On Education.—$1.25 each as follows; Dr. R. H. Harris, W. S. Sanders, J. S. Brown, E. B. Nelom, H. I Quick, P. C. Covington, J. J. Hines, T. J. Hicks, C. S. Crumpler, S. W. Justus. Miss Julia Palmer, $5.00.

$1.00 each.—H. C. Ellerbe, A. Ellerbe, J. A. Dunlap, C. T. Hasty, A. F. Hasty, Peter McCall.

50c each.—Mrs. Emly Poe, Viney McRae, Silvia McCall, Hasty, So. Pines, A. T. Rodges, J. M. Nicholson, Ollie Floyd, A. W. Lych, Rev. P. B Mdodana.

25c each.—Hallie Hasty, Effie McQueen, Ida L. Miles, Anna Bennett, J. A. Tyson, Y. K. McCall, Candas Nelson, S. H. McEachern, Orange Quick.

50c each.—J. S. Quick, Rev. A. Mial, Mrs. Lena Malloy, A. C. Chambers, Brother Johnson.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

On Finance.—G. G. Love, C. T. Hasty, A. D. McLauchlin, A. Everett, G. A. Wall, J. A. Dunlap.

On Constitution.—Revs. H. I. Quick, A. W. Lych, S. W. Justus, J. D. Core, T. J. Hicks.

On Temperance.—Rev. P. C. Covington, E. J. Gillispie, Rev. Farworth, T. D. McNeil, D. S. Monroe, A. Byrd, Miss Hester Smitherman.

On Condition of the Country.—Prof. Hanes, E. M. McDuffie, Dr. R. H. Harris, Rev. E. W. Andrews, E. V. Reaves, H. W. Townsend, Rev. B. Hasty.

On New Bodies.—Revs. S. M. Wall, F. D. Pearson, T. J. Hicks, H. McLauchlin, F. McLean, G. W. Malloy.

On Obituary.—Rev. E. J. Fletcher, P. K. Preston, Orange Quick, L. C. Stern, A. Ellerbe, Henry Monroe, James Hasty, J. M. Nicholson, E. L. Johnson, C. F. Marton, D. L. McNeil, R. B. McRae.

On Place.—A. McLeod, S. H. Eachern, Rev. H. I. Quick, Prince McRae, Samuel McNeil, H. C. Ellerbe, J. S. Revals, A. W. Lych, N. A. Smith, Rev. W. M. Poe, S. J. Johnson, A. D. McLauchlin, Rev. Daniel, J. S. Gillespie, James McCamock, Rev. M. DeBerry.

On Course of Study.—Reading books. Rev. T. J. Hicks, H. W. Townsend, W. S. Sanders, Rev. E. W. Andrews, Rev. W. M. Poe.

TO THE MINISTER, MESSENGERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

My heart is filled with unspeakable joy to see the honorable, Christian representives of the grand old Pee Dee Association. My soul is lifted up with gratitude to our

Heavenly Father for the many favors bestowed upon us. While the very best blood of Europe has been putting forth their very best energy and skill to gain a decisive victory over each other thereby causing the death of more than 155,000,000 persons and the loss of property untold, the Lord has blessed our land and country. Though since our last meeting it seemed at times war within our own country was an absolute certainty; yet we rejoice that a benign Providence has held the reins of governmental control and has hitherto caused peace and good will to reign from the Great Lakes on the north to the Argentina on the south. This is a fact that should cause us to render endless praise and yet reason nearer and more vital to us, is the peace that yet abides and abounds within our own associational district. Let us praise God for His abiding peace within our own individual hearts which is sure to give and continue peace within our bounds. Brethren, let us pray to God for His continued peace, let us away with our own envy and have peace, this is the only way to have any degree of success, the boon for which we labor and pray. There may be some mutterers and mumblers, but these are not workers; they are enemies of those who are doing, have done, and whom God can and will depend upon to carry forth His work. We keenly realize the weighty responsibility upon us as co-laborers with Christ. We are Christ's—therefore, glory not in men but live to the glory of God.

Our Fathers—This is the annual sesion of this grand old body but few are living who were in its organization, men unschooled,—not even knowing their letters some of them; yet, God co-operated with them and thereby enabled them to lead the church through in obscurity to some degree of success. God bless these old pioneers, may their names ever live with us. They have made it possible for us to be their superiors—that we should and must be. We are very glad indeed to note the fact that our present ministry is a blessing to our churches and also to the world, men of clear visions, deep conviction, sound operation and

broad culture; men of high ideals who will not stoop to low things. Let not any minister stop at his call. Calling is simply informing you of your duty, but the antecedent to doing is KNOWING—you must be informed yourself before you can inform others. Then we want to recommend that a suitable course of reading be lined out and the books be placed in the minutes, and that each minister who expects to hold ranks of ministerial honor pass on this course at the Union next preceding the Association. Further, that the Association use a part of the money collection from time to time to aid the worthy and deserving ministers within its bounds to further and deepen their ministerial usefulness by bringing the work to them or by enabling them to get it.

The churches are seeming in a prosperous condition. This is largely due to the fact they have settled pastors. The only way any church can hope to have success is to have a well salaried pastor in whom they can confide and one on whom they can rely. Therefore, recomend that Partor and people agree at least three months before the association.

The boards—they have wroutht well, notwithstanding the abuse and criticisms hurled at them. By their thrift, honesty, and business-like dealings they have carried out to the letter every order of the association, and taking the same capitalization tax have purchased 4 acres of the most desirable land about Hamlet and thereupon have erected a creditable building and have run a most successful school for about 8 years, free of debt. Whereas before, instead of increased enterprise being reported by the board, often and indebtedness. But these criticisms come from the lips of persons who know not what they say, neither care not what they do. But let the critics criticise, let the good work go on. Yet Brethren, I would recommend that the board be defined as two in view of the fact of what now is and that the Moderator of the Association, Secretary of the Association, and Moderator of the Union meeting be members of each of these boards.

Education.—We are living in changed and changing times. No persons, people, race or church need be waiting his portion to come to him. If he gets it he must get up and go and get. An ignorant race need not expect anything, but a large per cent. of its people criminals; if we would lessen crime, enlighten the masses. God, bless the high Academies and Colleges! But, what light our boys and girls get it must come through the public school; let us then put forth effort heretofore untried and make these schools what they ought to be and send them there that they may gain inspiration for future usefulness. And yet, we, as a great body, need our own denominational school where the spirit of Christ and the illumination of His Church shines in the heart and life. Let us encourage Pee Dee, our own Pee Dee Institute; the long prayed for Pee Dee; the now realised Pee Dee Institute. Therefore, we rcommend that we renew and continue our allegiance to Pee Dee.

Our Auxiliaries.—These minor organizations, my brethren, if wisely operated, lovingly encouraged, can be conducive of great good. Finally, my brethren, God is depending upon us to do the work, and men are compelled to trust us; let us, then be watchful and wait that when the Master comes He may give us the coveted applaudit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many; enter into the joy of the Lord." And then, we shall go up to join the Church Triumphant with our banner in our hand and upon it inscribed with brilliant letters, OUR LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM. THE WORLD FOR OUR CHURCH AND HIS CHURCH.

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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PFE DEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

For the year ending October 5th 1916.

Brother Moderator and Brethren:

Time, in its rapid flight has hurriedly measured out to us twelve more months of service, and we have met here in this annual meeting to review the record and note the evidences of progress that have resulted from our labors through the length and breadth of this Old Pee Dee Association which is held so very dear to most of us.

I greet you in the name of our dear Heavenly Father. Language is too lame and words to inadequate to express the joy that fills my heart at this time, and I desire to give praise to Him that doeth all things well for spareing my unprofitable life to meet with you in this Forty-Sixth Annual meeting of our Association.

It is needless to remark in this connection that we represent a great cause and a great people, entailing in consequence very great responsibilities.

The world brings around the seasons in a circle forever changing, forever new, blinding the beautiful, the joyous into one harmonous strain. The season has come for us to assemble in this place. Yes, in this dear old church, with this people with their learned and far-sighted Leader. We feel that a more suited place for meeting could not have been selected.

The old year is now behind us with its history and the New year has now dawned upon us. While we have made wonderful strides in past years, but yet there is more land to be possessed and higher heights to be obtained.

But these heights cannot be obtained unless we breathe the Spirit of Christ. Who prayed, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," (when His enemies were upon Him). Let us conquer but not be conquered,

even though we may be slain, let us not be conquered, but die on the field of battle. In short we must be bravely rushed to death or to victory.

It is generally conceded that Baptists are vastly stronger than the communicant of other Denominations among us, and thereby much more is expected of us.

As your humble servant I have had but one purpose in view during the year, and that purpose was the advancement of our work as a Christian organization. I have visited every meeting of the various auxiliaries during the year past and I have been proud of their effort and work as Baptists. With a feeling of hopefulness and gratitude never before felt, I bring before you the work of the year now closing, for I feel that there is an increasing growth of interest and enthusiasm almost everywhere in our Associational limits among our Pastors and leaders.

Permit me to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me repeatedly as your Secretary. I have striven to get the report from each Treasurer and Secretary of the various auxiliaries of our Association that embraces 7 counties, 48 churches with 28 active Pastors who receive a salary of more than $7,000, Church property valued at $53,000, School property at $4,500. Total valuation $57,000. Divided as follows: Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Richmond, Anson, Scotland and Robeson. Montgomery churches 4, Pastors 3, Moore churches 5, Pastors 4, Hoke churches 5, Pastors 4, Richmond churches 9, Pastors 8, Anson churches 2, Pastors 2, Scotland churches 14, Pastors 12, Robeson churches 8, Pastors 7. With these churches and their loyal leaders we are able to submit to you the following financial report.

ASSOCIATED FINANCE.

Our last Association convened with the Providence Baptist church, Rockingham, N. C., under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Brown, Oct. 7, 8, 9, 10, 1916.

Money raised by public collection ..... $102.65.
Sent up from the various churches ..... 494.12.

Balance by unpaid vouchers	9.05
Total amount raised	606.77
Raised on Sunday	58.15
Grand total amount raised	664.92
Paid out for various purposes	664.09
Leaving a cash balance on hand	.83

This Association finance far excelled all others of previous years.

UNION FINANCE.

We have held four Unions during this past Associational year. Our First Union of the year convened with the Poplar Spring Baptist church near Rockingham, N. C., under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Brown, Oct. 28-30, 1916.

Money raised by public collection	$18.65
Sent up from 31 churches	75.74
Total amount raised	94.48

Our second Union convened with the Southern Pines Baptist church under the leadership of Rev. H. I. Quick, Jan. 28-30, 1916.

Money raised by public collection	$23.11
Sent up from 39 churches	60.83
Total amount raised	83.94

Our Third Union convened with the Mt. Zion baptist church Candor, N. C., under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Ellerbe, April 28-30, 1916.

Money raised by public collection	$18.35
Sent up from 27 churches	52.24
Total amount raised	70.51

Our Fourth Union convened with the Cedar Grove Baptist church Gibson, N. C., under the leadership of Rev. F. D. Pearson, July, 28-30, 1916.

Money raised by public collection	$12.00
Sent up from 23 churches	48.96
Total amount raised	60.96

Total amount of money raised through our Union meeting during the year $307.95

Sunday's collection $100.00
Grand total amount raised 407.95

MINISTERIAL UNION.

Our First meeting of the year convened with the Poplar Spring church.

Money raised by the payment of 12 ministers 75 cents each $8.50

Second meeting convened with the Southern Pines Baptist church.

Money raised by the payment of 8 ministers 25 cents each $2.00

Third meeting convened with the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

Money raised by the payment of 9 ministers 25 cents each $2.25

Fourth meeting convened with the Cedar Grove Baptist church.

Money raised by the payment of 1 minister 25 cents ..... $ .25
Total amount raised during the year 13.00
Paid out ..... .25
Cash balance on hand 12.75

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT OF OUR CHURCH.

This department of our church has done very commendable work for the past year and should receive our support and endorsement. They have held four meetings during the year.

First meeting at Rockingham with our Association.
Money raised $25.00

Second meeting at Rockingham.
Money raised $29.21

Third meeting at Hasty with the St. Luke Church under the leadership of Rev. R. H. Harris, D. D., May 27, 1916.
Money raised $25.31

Fourth meeting at Lilesville, N. C. under the leadership of Rev. H. I. Quick, August 19, 1916.
Money raised $32.09

Total amount of money raised in the four meetings..$111.61
Paid out for various purposes..... 86.81
Leaving a cash balance on hand of..... 24.80

B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT.

This is the training department of our church. We have had only one meeting during the year passed at Wagram, N. C., July the 6th 1916, under the administration of Rev. J. J. Hines, D. D.

Money raised.....$25.96
Paid out for various purposes.....32.55
Leaving a cash balance on hand of.....———

The Sunday School.

Since our last Association this department of our church has held five meetings, four Sunday School Unions and one Sunday School Convention The Union meeting met at the same time and place of the church. Union using Saturday for their meeting.

Money raised.....$49.70
Paid out for various purposes.....32.24
Leaving a cash balance on hand of.....17.46

Our Sunday School Convention convened with the Spring Branch church, Wagram, N. C., under the leadership of Rev. J. J. Hines, D. D., July the 7, 8, 1916.

Money raised $121.45
Paid out for various purposes.....$57.95
Leaving a cash balance on hand of.....$63.50

SUMMARY.

ASSOCIATION.

Money raised at the last Association.....$664.92
Paid out for various purposes.....664.09
Leaving a cash balance on hand..... .83

UNION FINANCE.

Money raised through our Union Meeting.....$407.95
Paid out for various purposes.....404.39
Leaving a cash balance on hand..... 3.56

MINISTERIAL UNION.

Money raised during the year $13.00
Paid out ..... .25
Leaving a cash balance on hand 12.75

B. Y. P. U.

Money raised during the year $25.90
Paid out 32.55
Leaving on hand ..... nothing.

S. S. CONVENTION.

Money raised this year $121.45
Paid out 57.25
Leaving cash on hand 63.50

S. S. UNION.

Money raised this year $49.70
Paid out 32.24
Leaving a cash balance 17.46

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Money raised $111.61
Paid out 86 81
Leaving a cash balance of 24.80

PEE DEE INSTITUTE.

Money raised $1434.37
Paid out 1548.73
Leaving on hand ..... ———
Grand total raised since last Association 2163.98
Grand total paid out 2041.91
Leaving a cash balance on hand 122.91
Grand total including Pastor's salary and School purposes 9163.98
Grand total paid out to Pastors and other purposes 9041.91
Leaving a cash balance on hand 122.07

Respectfully Submitted,

J. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the PEE DEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers chosen from Churches connected with it, each being entitled to three Messengers. Ministers and Pastors of the Churches connected with this Association shall be connected with this Association shall be considered members ex-officio of this Association.

Article 4. The Messengers from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of all funds contributed by benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ministerial Examination Board, Board of Trustees and a Superannuated Ministers' Board, each to consist of not less than five judicious brethren, chosen annually. A majority of votes present shall constitute an election, and continue until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator or the Vice-Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the Associations; enforce and observe the Constitution, preserve decorum; appoint committees, namely: 1, Education; 2, Temperance; 3, Obituary; 4, On Place; 5, On Disbursements; 6, On Grievances; 7, On Conditions; 8, On Finance; 9, On Devotion; 10, On Resolutions; decide all questions of order; give his opinion on subjects under discussion after others have spoken or when called upon and he may give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of each Annual Sesssion, and superintend the printing of the Minutes and their distribution to the Churches.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent in by the Churches or collected during the session of the Association. He shall also make an annual report of the condition of the treasury at each session of the Association, and pay out only by order properly signed.

Article 9. Any Church desiring to become a member of the Association shall present her petition at an annual session, through Messengers and a letter. If the Association consents to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the Messenger the right hand of fellowship.

Article 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any Church or Minister that neglects the Gospel order.

Article 11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend them all privileges of the body except that of voting.

Article 12. The Annual Sessions of this Association shall meet on Thursday, 10 A. M. before the second Sunday in October, and be held at such time and places as will be considered more expedient.

Article 13. By the appointment of the Association there shall be preached during the Annual Session an Introductory, Missionary, Educational and Temperance Doctrinal Sermon.

Article 14. That the Woman's Missionary Convention shall be allowed Saturday morning until their work has been completed, to represent their work in this Association.

Article 15. That each Church connected with this Association shall pay 15 cents per member annually for such purposes as the Association may direct from time to time.

Article 16. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present.

NOTE—This Constitution was approved and adopted at Cartledge's Creek, Richmond County, North Carolina, September 10, 1870; and greatly amended at Keyser, N. C., October 9, 1898.

Send To Pastors

Name of Churches	Names of Pastors and their Post Office	Names o
Alley Grove	Rev. T. R. Richardson, Rockingham	Hester Smith
Bright Hopewell		
Bethlehem	" W. S. Sanders, Laurinburg	N. H. Malloy,
Buffalo Spring	" P. C. Covington, Gibson	W. C. Dobbin
Center Grove	" W. R. Merrick, Lumberton	A. J. Washin
Ceder Grove	" F. D. Pearson, Gibson	Jethro Pearso
Carolina Spring		
Clarks Grove		
Ebenyja		
Ellerbe's Grove	" H. T. Carmichael, Aberdeen	J. H. Ellerbe,
Holly Grove	" S. W. Justice, Fayetteville	J. H. Hines,
Henry Grove	" H. I. Quick, Rockingham	Jas. Benton,
Hamlet First Baptist	" J. J. Hines, Shannon	G. A. Wall, H
Island Grove	" P. C. Covington, Gibson	D. E. McEach
Keyser	" T. J. Hicks, Laurinburg	A. R. Little,
Laurel Hill 1st Bapt.	" H. C. McLauchlin, Laurel Hill	Mary J. Doug
Louisville		
Macedonia	" J. R. Campbell, Maxton	Daniel Harrin
Mt. Zion	" J. E. Ellerbe, Rockingham	Rev. J. Tyson
Mt. Mariah	" J. E. Ellerbe, Rockingham	A. A. Butler,
Mt. Tabor	" W. S. Sanders, Laurinburg	H. H. Goodsor
Nashville	" J. S. Brown, Hamlet	M. B. Steward
Oak Hill		
Olers Grove		
Popular Spring	" J. S. Brown, Hamlet	J. A. Brower,
Providence	" J. S. Brown, Hamlet	D. Skipper, Ro
Reedy Creek	" H. T. Carmichael, Aberdeen	Lutha McRae,
Rock Hill	" S. M. Wall, Pee Dee	Stephen Ratcl
St. Stephen	" P. C. Covington, Gibson	J.M. Nickelson
St. John		
Shady Grove	" E. B. Nelom, Pinehurst	John M. Covin
So. Pines 1st Bapt.	" H. I. Quick, Rockingham	J. F. Haywood
Spring Hill, Hoke Co.	" D. L McNeil, Wagram	Archa Wright,
St. Marks		
St. James		
Southern Grove	" W. S. Sanders, Laurinburg	A. J. McIntire
Sandy Grove M.	" W. M. Poe, Hasty	W. M. McLean
Sandy Grove R.	" H. C. Chambers, John Station	James Terry.
Shiloah		
St. Luke	" R. H. Harriss, D. D. Greensboro	A. F. Hasty,
Silver Grove	" J. E. Ellerbe, Rockingham	A. T. Rodgers,
Spring Branch	" J. J. Hines, Shannon	T. D. McLauch
Troy 1st Bapt.	" P. C. Covington, Gibson	Carrie Jackson
Spring Hill, Scot.	" J. C. Chambers, Laurinburg	J. P. McDouga
St. Paul	" H. T. Carmichael, Aberdeen	Lenna McMilli
Jones Chapel	" P. C. Covington, Gibson	J. W. McRae,
Livingston Chapel		
Parkers Grove		
Gallilee	" E. B. Nelom, Pinehurst	Minnie Benson

Clerks and their t Office	Members Rec'd	Members Died	Total No. Mem.	Finance to Union	Finance to Association	Pastors Salary	Finance for year	Value of church and other property
ıan, Troy	12	1	40	$ 2 44	$ 6 00	$119 00	$286 00	$ 550 00
arton	35	1	125	8 00	9 00	200 00	350 00	1900 00
Cimberland	8	2	78	6 40	8 00	185 00	300 00	1200 00
n, Red Springs	13		178	13 30	26 70	225 00	481 00	3500 00
Gibson	3		13	80	1 30	55 00	112 00	500 00
ckingham	8		19	88	2 75	100 00	700 00	750 00
kingham	23	2	256	18 06	23 20	171 00	239 00	1500 00
sville	16		113	8 32	16 95	150 00	200 00	1500 00
let	28	4	374	27 68	30 00	337 17	475 00	2000 00
Maxton Route No. 2	29	3	132	10 27	14 00	200 00	287 00	1700 00
ser	11		79	5 84	10 90	170 00	244 00	1500 00
Laurel Hill	6		13	80	1 95	30 00	72 00	150 00
ın, Hoffman	16		53	2 96	7 75	125 00	213 85	1500 00
andor	4		572	5 60	8 00	141 36	416 11	1000 00
coe	1		78	6 40	4 90	125 00	300 00	1500 00
Rowland	39	1	89	4 00	11 05	200 00	450 00	1600 00
Laurinburg Rt. No. 2	17	4	233	18 00	18 35	225 00	412 00	2750 00
ckingham Rt. No. 1	10		145	10 88	21 75	237 00	354 00	1500 00
ngham	32	2	234	16 40	20 15	350 00	700 00	3600 00
urinburg	10		60	4 00	7 50	175 00	250 00	1500 00
Pee Dee	5	2	61	4 80	9 00	100 00	150 00	700 00
ockingham Rt. No. 1	3	1	65	5 68	9 75	200 00	335 00	2000 00
n, Raeford	29		71	3 44	10 65	134 00	502 00	500 00
outhern Pines	7		56	4 24	8 40	150 00	294 00	2100 00
agram	15		40	2 00	1 92	50 00	461 00	500 00
owland	16		82	5 60	12 30	150 00	190 00	500 00
axton	26		60	4 80	9 00	320 00	355 00	2250 00
kingham	20		57	3 12	5 85	148 61	154 46	512 00
ty	47	3	150	9 60	18 00	200 00	345 00	1500 00
aeford	28	3	130	9 60	19 50	145 00	333 46	2395 00
Wagram	39	4	322	26 40	36 00	175 00	531 00	3150 00
roy	7	3	62	7 68	9 30	200 00	252 00	2000 00
ohn Station	26	1	140	8 80	13 05	200 00	235 00	2000 00
Pinehurst			14	1 12	1 40	45 00	100 00	300 00
l Springs	13	2	98	7 24	11 00	200 00	566 00	2900 00
inehurst	6	1	35	2 32	5 10	102 00	455 00	400 00

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